(*a*) whether Ayurvedic *Vaidyans* of the recognised *vaidyasalas* are allowed to compete for the gold medal sanctioned by the Government and instituted in connection with the Shashtiabdapurthi of His Highness the late Sri Mulam Thirunal Maha Raja ;

(*b*) if not, why ;

(*c*) whether subscriptions were not collected from the recognised *vaidyasalas* in connection with the celebration of the Shashtiabdapurthi ; and

(*d*) the name of the recipient of the medal for 1108 ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Gold Medal was founded by the grant-in-aid *Vaidyans* out of funds collected from among themselves ; and under the rules for the administration and award of the medal, it can be awarded only to an Ayurveda *Vaidgan* receiving grant-in-aid.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No medal was awarded during the year.

Visha Vaidyasalas in the Chirayinkil taluk.

290. ***MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of grant-in-aid *visha vaidyasalas* in the Chirayinkil taluk ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Two.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there is a *visha vaidyasala* at Vakkom ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Ryots' road from Kuzhithura to Madichal.

291. ***MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the handing over of the ryots' road from Kuzhittura to Madichal in the Vilavankod taluk to the P. W. D. authorities by the Road Committee;

(*b*) the date when the above road was handed over ; and

(*c*) whether any work has been done subsequent to the handing over of the road to the departmental authorities ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 18-2-1109.

(*c*) No. The road, as it is, is a poor trace with steep gradients ; and the Chief Engineer has therefore been asked to trace a new line.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*) : May I know whether that road is being maintained by the P. W. D. ?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I do not think it is.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : Has the Chief Engineer inspected this road ?

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